

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method of enhancing the quality of data stored in a system, the method comprising:
 - 2 receiving data from a first data enterer;
 - 3 accepting data received from the first data enterer into the system if the data are
 - 4 entered in a format compliant with a first set of rules;
 - 5 receiving first additional data from a second data enterer, the first additional data
 - 6 being related to the data received from the first data enterer; and
 - 7 accepting first additional data received from the second data enterer into the system if
 - 8 the data are entered in a format compliant with a second set of rules.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein, to comply with the second set of rules, the data must also
- 2 comply with the first set of rules.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - 2 comparing data accepted into the system with a third set of rules;
 - 3 detecting an inconsistency in data entered into the system with a rule from the third
 - 4 set of rules;
 - 5 dispatching a report of the inconsistency to an error corrector; and
 - 6 receiving corrected data from the error corrector.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein, to comply with the third set of rules, the data must also
- 2 comply with the second set of rules.
- 1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising releasing the data received from the first and
- 2 second data enterers and entered into the system for use by a user of the system before the
- 3 corrected data are received from the error corrector.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, further comprising requiring that the inconsistency be corrected by
- 2 the error corrector within a particular timeframe.
- 1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising reminding the error corrector to correct the data
- 2 before the end of the timeframe.

1 8. The method of claim 3, further comprising:
2 dispatching a particular error to a particular error corrector for correction.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 monitoring the load of errors assigned to an error corrector; and
3 dispatching an additional report of inconsistency to another error corrector when the
4 load of errors assigned to the error corrector exceeds a threshold load.

5 10. A computer program product, tangibly stored on a machine readable medium, for enhancing
6 the quality of data stored in a system, the computer program product comprising instructions
7 for causing a processor to:

8 receive data from a first data enterer;
9 accept data received from the first data enterer into the system if the data are entered
10 in a format compliant with a first set of rules;
11 receive first additional data from a second data enterer, the first additional data being
12 related to the data received from the first data enterer; and
13 accept first additional data received from the second data enterer into the system if the
14 data are entered in a format compliant with a second set of rules.

1 11. The computer program product of claim 10, wherein, to comply with the second set of rules,
2 the data must also comply with the first set of rules.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the computer program product further
2 comprises instructions for causing a processor to:
3 compare data accepted into the system with a third set of rules;
4 detect an inconsistency in data entered into the system with a rule from the third set of
5 rules;
6 dispatch a report of the inconsistency to an error corrector; and
7 receive corrected data from the error corrector.

- 1 13. The computer program product of claim 12, wherein, to comply with the third set of rules,
2 the data must also comply with the second set of rules.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the computer program product further
2 comprises instructions for causing a processor to release the data received from the first and
3 second data enterers and entered into the system for use by a user of the system before the
4 corrected data are received from the error corrector.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the computer program product further
2 comprises instructions for causing a processor to require that the inconsistency be corrected
3 by the error corrector within a particular timeframe.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the computer program product further
2 comprises instructions for causing a processor to remind the error corrector to correct the
3 data before the end of the timeframe.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the computer program product further
2 comprises instructions for causing a processor to dispatch a particular error to a particular
3 error corrector for correction.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the computer program product further
2 comprises instructions for causing a processor to:
3 monitor the load of errors assigned to an error corrector; and
4 dispatch an additional report of inconsistency to another error corrector when the load
5 of errors assigned to the error corrector exceeds a threshold load.